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Local elementary students wish for better things for Hancock County Page 16

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### Pearlington clinic closes 'til Jan. 2

The Pearlington Free Clinic will be temporarily closed so as to allow for the demolition in a safe manner. The Clinic will be closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 2. It will reopen on Jan. 2 at 9 a.m.. The clinic will close permanently on June 30.

### Salvation Army meals to cease

The Salvation Army will cease serving meals in Hancock County on Dec. 15. This includes trucks and kitchens that serve all areas of the county.

### SCOWI krewe to meet Friday

The Krewe of SCOWI will meet on Friday, Dec. 16, 6 p.m. at 134 Blaize Avenue in Bay St. Louis across from the Old Bay St. Louis Train Depot, between Bay City Grill and Benigno's. All members are urged to attend. For more information, call 228-209-6999.

### Deadline for SBA loans approaches

The last day to sign up for SBA loans for individuals is Dec. 31. Applications are being taken at the Skate Park, next to Fred's in Waveland on Hwy. 90.

### New hours, days for bus routes

Public transportation from Coast Transit Authority is available. The bus runs Tuesday thru Saturday. The Scenic Trails stop has been reduced to Tuesdays and Thursdays only, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For route and times, call 228-867-7095.

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## Claus and Effect



Santa and Mrs. Claus traveled to Hancock County Saturday to meet with area children - including Nicholas Hembree, Chloe Lassabe and Cassie Lassabe - at the Faith Christian Fellowship Church at Old Spanish Trail and Henderson in Waveland.

Echo staff photos by Dwayne Bremer

## Bay to annex part of county

Judge awards bid; Waveland hasn't decided on appeal

BY DWAYNE BREMER  
Staff Writer

The battle over the annexation of the Hwy. 603 corridor between the cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland is over. A ruling by Judge James Thomas of the Forrest County Chancery Court last week awarded the disputed area to the city of Bay St. Louis.

"The city of Bay St. Louis is very pleased with the decision of Judge Thomas," said city attorney Donald Rafferty. "We feel that the decision was well-rounded on the facts and opinions that were presented to the court."

The trials of the respective annexation plans were held over an 11-day period last November and December. The court heard from 23 witnesses, as well as a number of concerned citizens from the annex area.

"I think that before Katrina, we would have been upset, but it's really a moot point right now, because all of the evidence is skewed," said Waveland City Attorney Zach Butterworth. "I have a lot of respect



Favre



Longo

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## Va. group adopts Hancock family

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

A Hancock County family will have a truly merry Christmas this year thanks to the efforts of the Loudoun Foundation and the Good Shepherd Alliance - which are moving them to Virginia.

José and Maria Martínez - along with their children Julianna, age 7;

José Jr., 5; Gabriel, 3; and Julianna, nine months - only came to Hancock County shortly before Hurricane Katrina devastated the Coast. After the storm, they ended up living in a flooded out, boarded up one-time motorcycle shop.

The Martínez family came to the

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Elke Michalak, Julianna Martínez, Tracy Parent, Gabriel Martínez, José Martínez Jr., Julianna Martínez and Maria Martínez.

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Echo staff photo by Jace Ponder  
Petal High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) donated a trailer full of supplies to Hancock County Thursday. The FFA coordinated donations from Petal residents and other FFA chapters from across the nation, including one from West Virginia. The high school students skipped a day of classes to deliver an assortment of relief supplies. Brandon Douglas, a senior at Petal High School, hands a bag of sheets and blankets to Brianna Tisdale, vice president of FFA and sophomore. Also pictured are senior FFA president Zack Gatwood, sophomore Beth Athley, and sophomore Sarah Gibson. Present but not pictured was sophomore Jade West.

## Groups to restore two historic Bay homes

**SEA COAST ECHO**  
Two historic homes along the North Beach Boulevard Historic District in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina, will be preserved as part of a pilot program organized and directed by the World Monuments Fund (WMF).

Master craftsmen specializing in traditional building trades from across the country and graduate students from the University of Florida's (Gainesville) Historic Preservation program have volunteered their time during the holiday break to assist in the preservation of the two houses.

Using a range of equipment and tools, from a small crane to hammers and screwdrivers, tape measures, drawing materials, and more, the technical team will work on the two houses simultaneously:

They will document and disassemble the Hecker Cottage, a mostly destroyed 18th-century shotgun-type house whose historic timber frame, siding, windows and doors and other surviving details will be used for later reconstruction. The project developed by WMF will serve as a model to demon-

strate options to help mitigate the loss of hundreds, possibly thousands of partially ruined historic homes across Mississippi's coastal communities, including the salvage of historic building materials for reuse or possible reconstruction.

They will assess the conditions of the ca. 1840 center-hall Phillips House to determine a plan for its restoration. With input from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History the technical team assembled by WMF will design a period restoration, preserving the surviving architectural fabric and returning the house to its original configuration.

Representatives from WMF, Preservation Trades Network (PTN), the University of Florida's College of Design, Planning and Construction, the Mississippi Heritage Trust, and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History will be on hand, as well as members of the Hecker and Phillips families, including:

86-year-old Charles Hecker, who has been summering in his family's house since 1956. The house was almost demolished by the high

winds and especially the storm surge, which reached over 30 feet. Although the house represents decades of memories of taking children and grandchildren to the beach, Mr. Hecker has made the decision not to rebuild.

75-year-old Dorothy Phillips, who, because she weathered Hurricane Camille in her family home without any problems, decided to do the same with Hurricane Katrina, a decision she soon regretted. She is glad to be alive, and glad that her cat, Big Boy, has forgiven her for making him stay through the storm.

This project is part of a joint effort between the World Monuments Fund and Preservation Trades Network, working with Mississippi Heritage Trust and Mississippi Department of Archives and History, to demonstrate the importance of restoring the Gulf Coast's built heritage as part of the region's long-term reconstruction. Working with local partners and community groups, WMF will help make available to impacted property owners and the public recommendations and resources for preserving and restoring historic houses.

## Financial aid available for some low-income families

**FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE FOR SOME LOW-INCOME FAMILIES:** The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Diversion Program provides a one-time payment to assist low-income working families affected by Hurricane Katrina. To qualify families must:

1. Have lived in

Hancock County at the time of the disaster to apply in Hancock County.

2. Currently reside in Hancock County and have child(ren) under 1 years of age.

3. Have income that cannot exceed 200% of Federal Poverty Levels and cash assets no greater than \$3,000.

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ily also must meet one the following criteria: currently employed and working a minimum of 25 hrs. per week at or above minimum wage; job offer with start date within 14 days from date of application working at least 25 hrs. per week at minimum wage; or currently enrolled in a short-term job-skills training program.



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## Arrest Record

*Editor's note: The following is a list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Nov. 28-Dec. 8. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.*

### STAFF REPORT

James Russo, 53  
disturbance of business,  
possession of controlled  
substance  
Shawn Billiot, 19  
sale of xanax x2  
James McCune, 36  
driving on suspended  
D/L public drunk  
Julius Egloff, 59  
DUI

Rick Lewis, 29  
simple assault domestic  
Eugene Butler, 33  
simple assault domestic  
Malise Draughton, 23  
simple assault domestic  
Clarence Marshall, 36  
DUI, careless driving,  
suspended D/L  
Randall Greenroad, 48  
Aggravated Assault  
Joey Noles, 50  
simple assault domestic  
Kevin Gillum, 32  
3 years to serve  
Larry Ladner, 58  
DUI 2nd, careless driving  
John Ferguson, 27  
simple possession, false  
information, hold  
Louisiana

Linward Travis, 45  
DUI, no insurance, open  
container, careless driving,  
disorderly conduct, fail to yield  
Dorothy Cooper, 53  
Abuse of 911, disorderly  
conduct, resisting arrest  
Craig Doren, 46  
DUI speeding  
Donald Bayer, 48  
simple possession  
Dennis Geoffrey, 55  
simple possession suspended D/L  
Robert Holliday, 20  
probation violation  
Keith Graham, 35  
disturbance of Peace  
Michael Jones, 23  
possession of stolen  
vehicle  
Kenneth Demoran, 48

counts felony DUI  
Willie Jackson, 57  
possession on controlled  
substance  
Wanda White, 57  
simple possession, possession of controlled  
substance  
Jason Watson, 26  
false information, hold  
New Mexico

From  
Councilman  
Ward 3  
Jeff Reed



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## Putting down roots



Photo by Jimmy Lofecano  
Douglas Summers, left, and Pace Smith, both of the Bay St. Louis Public Works Department, work Saturday with Phil Thingstadt from Seven Lakes, N.C., to plant a Christmas tree at the foot of Beach Blvd. and Main St. Everyone from the city of Bay St. Louis is invited to hang an ornament on the tree.

## Library provides drive up wireless Internet services

Need Internet in a hurry? Or on Sunday? Just drive up to the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library or the Kiln Public Library with your laptop and immediately connect.

Both branches of the Hancock County Library System are providing free wireless Internet services for the public through the end of the year.

Other services available at the library branches are banks of satellite telephones, free faxing and copying serv-

ices and disaster recovery information.

Library customers can obtain new library cards and check out books, DVDs, audio books and other items.

For more information contact the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282 or the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724.

## Citizens in Action to host public forum

The Hancock County Citizens in Action are sponsoring a public citizens forum at Main St. Methodist Church, Bay St. Louis, at 5:30 p.m. on

Thursday, December 15. Topics include: FEMA, National Flood Insurance, Corps of Engineers, public health, restoring schools, etc.

ATTENTION Coast Residents!

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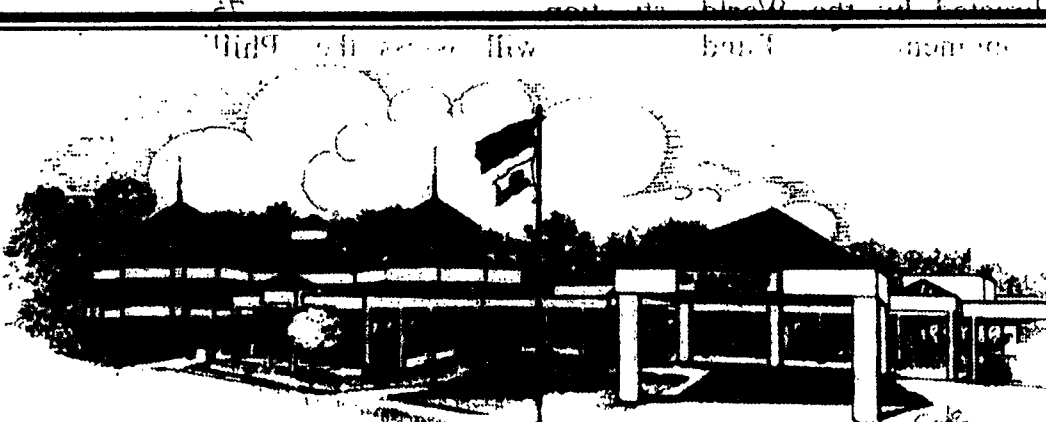
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#### FAMILY PRACTICE:

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Ron Kellum, M.D. - Indian Hill, Diamondhead  
David Roberts, M.D. - Gex Road, Diamondhead  
Sidney Chevis, M.D., Bay St. Louis, opening December 12th, 8-3, 467-9238  
Bert Chevis, M.D. - Opening December 27th

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James Crittenden, M.D. - M-F, 9am - 3pm  
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Rowe Crowder, M.D. - 149 Drinkwater, Bay St. Louis, 463-1649  
Charles A. Kergosien, M.D. - Thurs., Shepherd Square, Diamondhead

#### PEDIATRICS:

Scott Needle M.D. - Mon. & Wed., 9 am-12 noon, Shepherd Square, Diamondhead  
Opening Soon 149 Drinkwater, Bay St. Louis  
Bertrand Sy, M.D. - Opening Early 2006

#### OB/GYN:

Noel Duplantier, M.D. - Gex Road, Diamondhead, M-F, 4-7 p.m.  
Call (228) 467-2555 for appointment  
Jerry Karabin, M.D. - Fridays, Shepherd Square, Diamondhead, 228-424-2855  
Dimitri Yanez, M.D. - Gex Road, Diamondhead by appointment

#### CARDIOLOGY:

Bassam Baroudi, M.D. - Shepherd Square, Diamondhead  
Jay Libys, M.D. - Gex Road, Diamondhead by appointment  
Wakkas Tayara, M.D. - Shepherd Square, Diamondhead, Thurs. 9-11  
Mohammad Awaad, M.D. - Shepherd Square, Diamondhead, Tues. afternoons

#### GENERAL SURGERY:

Brian Anthony, M.D. - Temporary office at his Bay St. Louis clinic  
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#### PODIATRY:

Jeff Benzing, DPM - Shepherd Square, Diamondhead, Tues. 9-12

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# Opinion

## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Who ya gonna call?

Topics of discussion I have heard or been involved in during the past three months or so are frequently...

- Did you stay for Katrina?
- How much water did you have?
- I was very lucky to have survived.
- We were lucky Katrina was in the daytime.
- Where is my insurance adjuster?
- Its hard to get there without wheels.
- Who has ice and water?
- Where did you get a free meal?
- They were working on electricity in my area today.
- Thank goodness for cell phones.
- Where do you sign up for a FEMA blue roof?
- Who is giving money out and where?
- Free medical help is where?
- Did you hear about so and so?
- I rode the storm out on my roof.
- I spent over five hours with a neighbor in a large oak tree.
- We swam for our lives.
- I will never stay for another hurricane.
- I am still waiting for my FEMA trailer.
- I cannot find my home.
- MREs.
- Cold showers are tough in this weather.
- We need a grocery, drug store, gas station, restaurant, department store, etc.
- Where did you get gas?
- I don't know what we would do without all the volunteers.
- Isn't it great to be able to get three free meals a day.
- I got lights at my house today.
- My home telephone is still out.
- My walls were demolished today.
- I came back because I now have a FEMA trailer to stay in.
- Do you know any carpenters, plumbers, electricians, etc.?
- I am tired of sleeping in a tent.

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## Better keep those promises

On Friday, December 2nd, I recalled the promise President Bush made to help Mississippi recover from Hurricane Katrina when he stood at the Mobile, Alabama, airport, just days after the storm with me, Senator Thad Cochran, Representative Chip Pickering, Governor Haley Barbour and other elected representatives. "Out of this chaos is going to come a fantastic Gulf Coast, like it was before," he said, adding that if there are problems and the recovery is not going exactly right, his administration would "make it go exactly right."

Well, as all Mississippians know who are dealing with this disaster's aftermath, the



### From the Senate

by Trent Lott  
U.S. Senator

recovery is not going exactly right. Almost half the travel trailers required to house Katrina's homeless and displaced have not been delivered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This week Mississippi experienced some of the coldest weather this year, with lows dipping into the 20s. I need not mention how that impacts people living in tents and carpools.

Three months after

Katrina, only about a quarter of the debris has been removed. And what's more telling, unemployment in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson counties - areas with almost no unemployment before Katrina - now hovers around 25 percent, statistics not seen here since the Great Depression. Additionally, of the more than 7,000 small business loans applied for statewide since Katrina, only about 400 have been

approved by the Small Business Administration (SBA). This is preventing small business from coming back and hiring.

Finally - and perhaps this is the biggest factor discouraging folks from returning and rebuilding - some in the insurance industry have done an absolutely abysmal job in responding to their South Mississippi policyholders. Thousands of Mississippians remain without claim checks, with no way to even begin rebuilding their homes and lives.

Mississippi's Congressional delegation and governor have clearly articulated our state's needs to the Bush Administration and the

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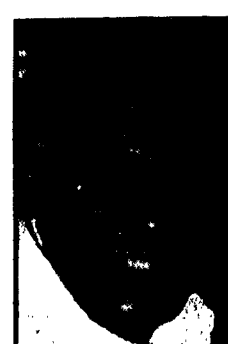


## If these trees could talk

Let's talk about something that Katrina didn't seem to bother. It's a topic that relates to all of us along the Mississippi Gulf Coast - our live oaks.

Chances are that within your sight as you read this, there is one live oak. There is an equal chance that that oak is at least a hundred years old, perhaps even two hundred. This is not unusual, not down here. Live oaks, such as the one you are looking at, line our coast by the thousands. These broad old giants stand among us, silent witnesses to our existence, our stories, our legends.

The coast is different from the rest of Mississippi in that these



### Views from a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza  
LaViolette

trees border the Mississippi Sound in a lush carpet five or so miles deep, a sort of unique vibrant coastal hem that blends on its northern edge with the tall pines of Mississippi's piney woods. The ambient presence of these trees along the coast permeates our lives; cools our houses, our streets and avenues. They provide the rich shadows of our summers, the calm, quiet colors to our lawns,

our gardens. Many of the trees are extremely old, the more ancient being 300, 400, some as much as 500 years old. Take a moment and think about this. Think of these trees as stretching from another time, a long ago past, our past, to the here, the now of our today. Think of them as a window to our past. And now after the fierce devastation of Katrina, they stand rock solid among us, witness-

es of the way we were before Katrina, the way we are now in our present hard times, and they will be here in our promising hope for the future. In that way alone, they are impressive.

A friend wrote me recently "And would you believe that in the midst of all that, we came upon Second St. to the home of the Miramar tree, and right in the middle of all that rubble and gray, there stood the Miramar, like nothing had ever happened to it? George McDonald sat there not far from his beloved tree, and it truly was the only thing worth looking at on that property. It was so hard to believe it was in such great condition."

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# Medicare Prescription program

BY SHAWN MERCER

Social Security and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are working together to ensure all Medicare beneficiaries know about their opportunity to enroll in a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan. The initial enrollment period for the Prescription Drug Plans runs from November 15 until May 15 2006. If you enroll in a plan by December 31, your coverage begins January 1, 2006. If you enroll in a plan after December 31, your coverage begins the following month.

Knowing where to go for the assistance can help you get answers quickly.

Some people with limited income and resources may qualify for extra financial help in paying for some or all of the costs of the prescription drug plans. Social Security is taking the applications for extra help and informing people whether or not they are approved.

Basically, you may qualify if your income is less than \$14,355 for an individual or \$19,245 for a married couple living

together, and your resources are less than \$11,500 for an individual or \$23,000 if you are married and living with your spouse.

If you qualify, the extra help could save you an average of \$2,100 per year in premiums, deductibles and co-payments related to your prescription drug costs.

You can apply for the extra help online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or you can call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY, 1-800-325-0778).

Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tell the representative that you want to apply for the Help with Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs.

Some beneficiaries will automatically qualify for the extra financial help.

Anyone who has both Medicare and Medicaid, or Medicare and Supplemental Security Income or anyone whose state pays his or her Medicare premiums, will automatically qualify and will not have to complete

an eligibility application.

Applying for extra help with Social Security is separate from selecting a Prescription Drug Plan. Even if you are approved for extra help, you still need to select the plan that best meets your needs. If you apply and qualify for the extra help but don't join a plan, Medicare will enroll you in one by May 15, 2006, to make sure you get this important coverage.

You also do not have to be eligible for the extra help to join a Prescription Drug Plan. The extra help is in addition to the potential savings you may receive if you join a plan. Medicare drug plans will cover brand-name and generic drugs.

Most plans will have a list of drugs, or formula, that they cover as well as a list of which providers participate with the plan. Selecting the plan that is right for you requires comparing the providers to find which one best meets your needs. You need to sign up directly with the company or organization offering the prescription drug plan.

To get more informa-

tion about the plans, what drugs are covered and the costs involved, you can contact the providers, Medicare or state and local organizations. Medicare has a toll-free number where representatives can answer questions by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227). TTY users should call 1-877-486-2048. The Internet site [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) also has information and an online enrollment center to assist you.

Shawn Mercer is a Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration. To contact him with questions or comments or to request a speaker for your group or organization call 601-544-7351 or e-mail him at [shawn.mercer@ssa.gov](mailto:shawn.mercer@ssa.gov).

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## Lott -- promises

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Congress. We've introduced legislation and proposals to deal with all these problems. Regardless of political party, we are singing from the same hymnal, telling Washington just how bad Hurricane Katrina was, is, and will be without sustained federal help. Yet, to date, we've seen procrastination in Washington.

I'm challenging my Congressional colleagues and the President to approve several key pieces of Katrina legislation before Christmas, including: a package of tax credits designed to help individuals recover and businesses rehire in the disaster area; a \$17 billion Katrina supplemental funding measure that would include about \$13 billion to help people who were outside the flood zone and without flood insurance; a bill that will increase the amount of direct individual disaster assistance beyond the current \$26,000 federal cap; and

a measure that will compel FEMA to cover more of the cost of debris removal.

These remedies, of course, aren't the only things needed to facilitate our recovery from Katrina. We still have to rebuild our highways, airports and local neighborhood infrastructures. But Congress, with President Bush's leadership, should complete these initiatives, which will immediately impact individual lives, before the New Year.

As I said in my December 2nd remarks, Mississippians aren't whiners. We've met Katrina's formidable challenges with dignity and skill, and much of America outside the Washington beltway has taken notice. We've accepted that we're going to have to work hard to return our neighborhoods and economy to what they once were. But at the same time, we deserve and expect the full commitment of the

federal government to help all Mississippians get back on their feet and keep our recovery from Katrina on track. We need the president's leadership to ensure that Congress and the federal government fulfill its commitment to Mississippi.

I hope all Americans will remember their neighbors in the Gulf region this holiday season as they have done since Hurricane Katrina devastated Mississippi. I urge Congress to pass the pending Katrina relief before Christmas so that President Bush can sign it immediately and give weary Mississippians hope that in the New Year, they will not be left behind. (12/9/05)

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

## Quotes

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- I did not qualify for a SBA loan because I make too much money.

- I do not make enough money to get an SBA loan.

And in spite of many

of the comments on the negative side there still is that positive attitude.

We will come back, stronger than ever. Until next time.

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## NOTICE TO BAY ST. LOUIS UTILITY CUSTOMERS

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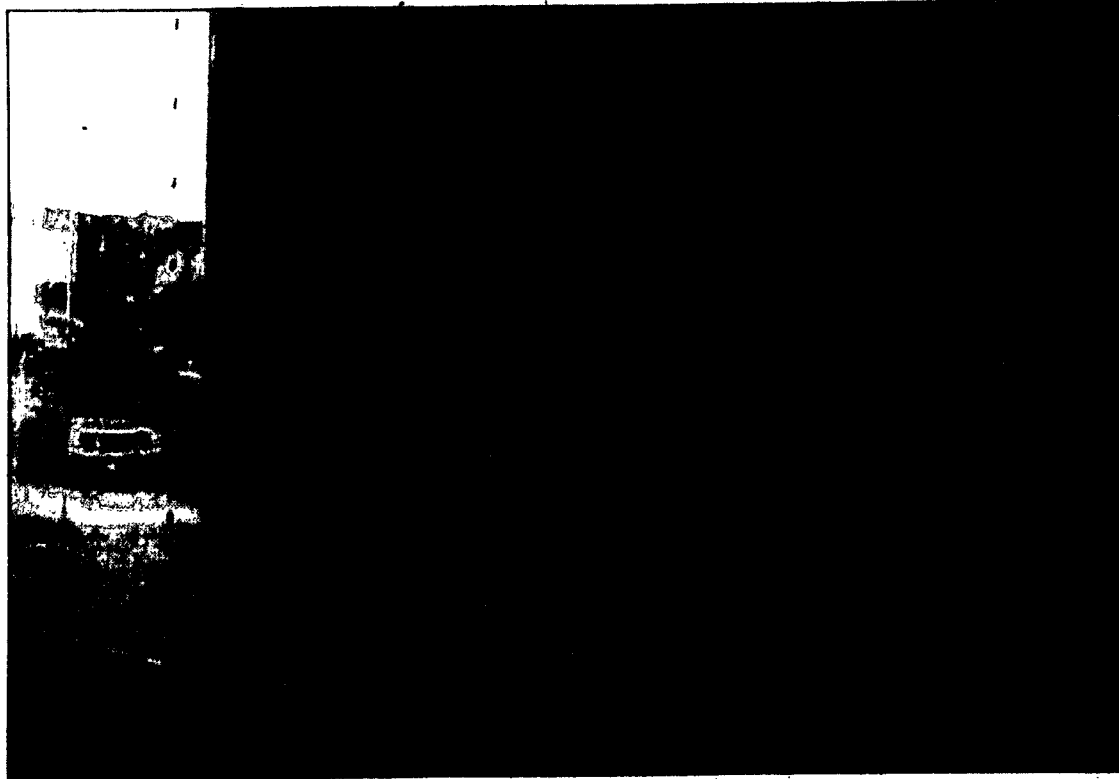
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A truckload of toys delivered to North Hancock Elementary School last week by Brian and Lora Besse of Cincinnati, Oh.

## Cincinnati couple brings 3,000 toys to local children

Brian and Lora Besse from Cincinnati Ohio arrived late at night in the 30 foot truck so they could not see the devastation that surrounded them. The truck was filled with over 3000 new toys for the children of Hancock County. After unloading the truck at the North Hancock Elementary School, they followed the Director of Hope Haven Children's Shelter back to his house for their reward, a boiled shrimp dinner. The next morning they took a tour of Waveland and Bay St. Louis that left them speechless and near tears.

Lora, a children's advocate with the Hamilton City Prosecutors Office and her husband Brian who is a realtor with Hoeting Realtors, wanted to do something to help chil-

dren in south Mississippi. They found the Hope Haven web site on the Internet.

"Hope Haven has been facilitating donations to the community for the last two months," says Marge Touns, Board President. "We have worked with different organizations and individuals who have contacted us wanting to do something to help. We explain that we do not have children in our home at the moment but we are more than willing to receive donation and to help get donations to the people who are in the most need. This is the second load of toys we have received. Most of the first load we took to the various HOPE Haven area to the kids. Next week we will turn over \$15,000 in Wal Mart gift cards to the

Bay St. Louis School system and Hancock County Schools to be distributed to older kids whose families lost their homes or jobs. We have another \$2,000 on the way that we intend to give to St. Clare School."

The toys the Besses brought were collected by their family members, purchased with funds donated by their fellow workers and the BorrowSmartFoundation located in Cincinnati. The truck was donated by Miami Valley International Trucks. The toys will be used for the foster children in the County and the elementary school children at North Hancock. Hope Haven can be reached at 228-255-5241 or 228-263-2222. Hope Haven is a member of the United Way and all deductions are tax deductible.

## Views

It's twin only a block away, I didn't get to see, however, the school that surrounded that oak was completely bulldozed down. Now, let me tell you how amazing that is...just 3 months ago, I took someone to see that oak, and there was still much talk about tearing down the awning to give the tree room to grow. However, the school officials thought that the tree should go and the awning stay. The principal was the only one who fought for the tree. Well...guess what???

Not only is the awning gone, but the entire campus!!!!!! Not a brick standing on a brick - it looks like your property. I didn't see it, but I know you must think as I am thinking. I feel sure that the tree is still there!!!!"

Which brings us to what I want to talk. Earlier this year, Cherie Schadler of Bayou Town Productions, a small company just north of the Kiln, asked me to help write the text for a CD on famous south Mississippi trees. She told me that her company had been contacted by the Mississippi Urban Forest Council (www.msurbanforest.com) to make a CD of our heritage of regional trees.

I like Cherie and agreed. She's a wonderful person and has written and produced several children's books and shows. It didn't take much conversation between the two of us to agree that the format of the CD would focus on our live oaks and that the medium of the CD would

be to have several storytellers talk about the legends associated with the more famous of our coastal trees. I would write the introduction and lead story as well as the weaving together of the various other stories.

We shook hands on it and Cherie went off to get storytellers and individual storywriters and I worked on the overall theme. By the time Katrina visited us, the CD was done and the results in the hands of the Mississippi Urban Forest Council.

Donna Yowell, executive Director of the Council, has described the CD:

"If Trees Could Talk" is a heartfelt accounting of stories, folklore and history of our Mississippi coastal communities. The stories are told by local storytellers from the perspective of the ancient oaks that line the coast. This production was developed prior to Katrina as a way to promote the historic value of the stately trees and to promote eco tourism. Delivery of this product was supposed to take place the week before Katrina. Now that Katrina has occurred, the stories have a new meaning. Throughout the CD, the resilience of the coast people is shared as well as the impact of past hurricanes."

The stories on the CD form a sort of historical travelogue of the old trees along the coast. They include:

Ancient Oaks - Bay St.

Louis and Waveland

The Kiln: The Sister Mary Ellen Oak - Kiln To See The Sea and The Miramar Oak - Pass Christian

A 500 Year Old Coast Treasure, The Friendship Oak - Long Beach

The Ring-In-The-Oak and Secretary Oak - Gulfport

The Calumet and The Councilor Oak - Biloxi

The Twelve Oaks - Ocean Springs

When the CD came out in October, The Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce included it as a major item in its Peter Anderson Festival and had several of the storytellers read their extracts from the CD. I am told that its inclusion in the festival was an overwhelming success that surprised everyone.

Cherie and I as well as the other writers and storytellers are very happy about the CD. We feel that you will like it as well. If you would like copies please contact: Donna V. Yowell, Urban Forest Council 164 Trace Cove Drive, Madison, Mississippi 39110, Phone: 601.856.1660 Cell Phone: 601.672.0755. I believe they are available for a donation to the Council.

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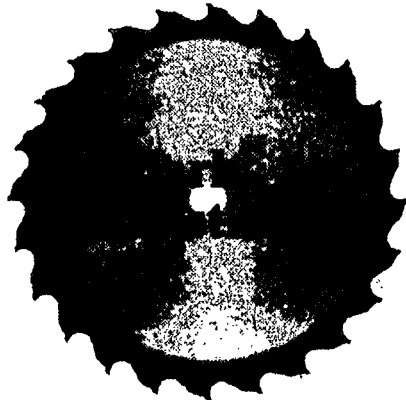
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# A Brighter Christmas



NAVOCEANO employee Cynthia "Suzy" Dyle and her fellow employees at Stennis Space have collected Christmas presents for more than 100 foster children.

## NAVOCEANO employee brightens Christmas for Foster Children

More than 100 foster children in Pearl River County will be having a brighter Christmas because of Cynthia "Suzy" Dyle and her fellow employees at the Naval Oceanographic Office (NAVOCEANO) at Stennis Space Center (SSC).

Each year, Dyle, a Picayune resident, works with the Mississippi Department of Human Services (DHS) to make certain that foster children in Pearl River County receive gifts and necessary personal items at Christmas. Employees at NAVOCEANO, which has about 1,100 military, civil service and contractor personnel, donate items for the "Adopt a Foster Kid" program.

Employees from other SSC agencies, including Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command, NASA and the Naval Research Laboratory also contribute. On average, as many as 600 gifts are donated each year.

"It's all in the spirit of giving and sharing," said Dyle, a physical scientist who has worked at NAVOCEANO for 24 years.

Pearl River County currently has about 125 foster children living in licensed foster homes, with family members, or in residential treatment facilities or group homes. Most have come under state care after being neglected or abused. They range in age from infants to 20 years old, the maximum age for a young person to remain in the DHS system.

Tana Walker, an area DHS social work supervisor, provides Dyle with a list containing the first name, age and gender of foster children. Walker notes the child's more serious needs, such as clothing, shoes or toiletries, as well as specific toys the youngster hopes to receive at Christmas. She also adds any special needs or talents the child has, such as instruments for budding musicians or sports items for school athletes.

The wish lists are varied, but can include dolls, toys, books and puzzles, games, bicycles and sports gear.

"It's really a plethora of things, depending upon the age of the child," Dyle said.

Once she receives the list, Dyle relays the information by e-mail to fellow employees. Donors are matched with the children they want to "adopt." Donors purchase and wrap the goods and deliver them to Dyle, who sends them with help from fellow workers to Walker's office in Pearl River County. Workers from DHS then distribute gifts to the children through their foster homes.

Dyle said the gifting experience is valuable to both donors and the children.

"Many of these kids don't have anything, let alone a home," she said. "The fact that gifts are coming to them from someone they've never even met can mean a great deal. And often, our employees will select foster kids who are the

same age as their own children, so they can involve their kids in the giving."

In many cases, Walker said, abused or neglected children end up living as foster children with relatives who can ill afford to feed another mouth.

"Many relatives could not provide for these children if they didn't have the state's assistance," she said. "A lot of them can barely keep the lights on or put food on the table."

This will be Dyle's fourth Christmas to collect gifts for foster children. She took up the effort after a former NAVOCEANO employee left government service.

Dyle recalls the spirit of Christmas when she was growing up as the youngest of six children. She has no children herself but does have numerous nieces and nephews. She understands the importance of a special Christmas gift, given from the heart.

"The first year, I just got a tremendous response," she said. "The generosity and love that the Stennis community has in helping others is really overwhelming."

Walker said the holidays can be depressing for foster children. "The most important thing to most of us is family, and these children don't have that," she said. "Whatever can make Christmas magical, we want to do that."

NAVOCEANO, comprised of approximately 1,100 military, civilian and contractor personnel,

is responsible for providing oceanographic products and services to all elements within the Department of Defense. For more information about NAVOCEANO, visit <https://www.navo.navy.mil>.

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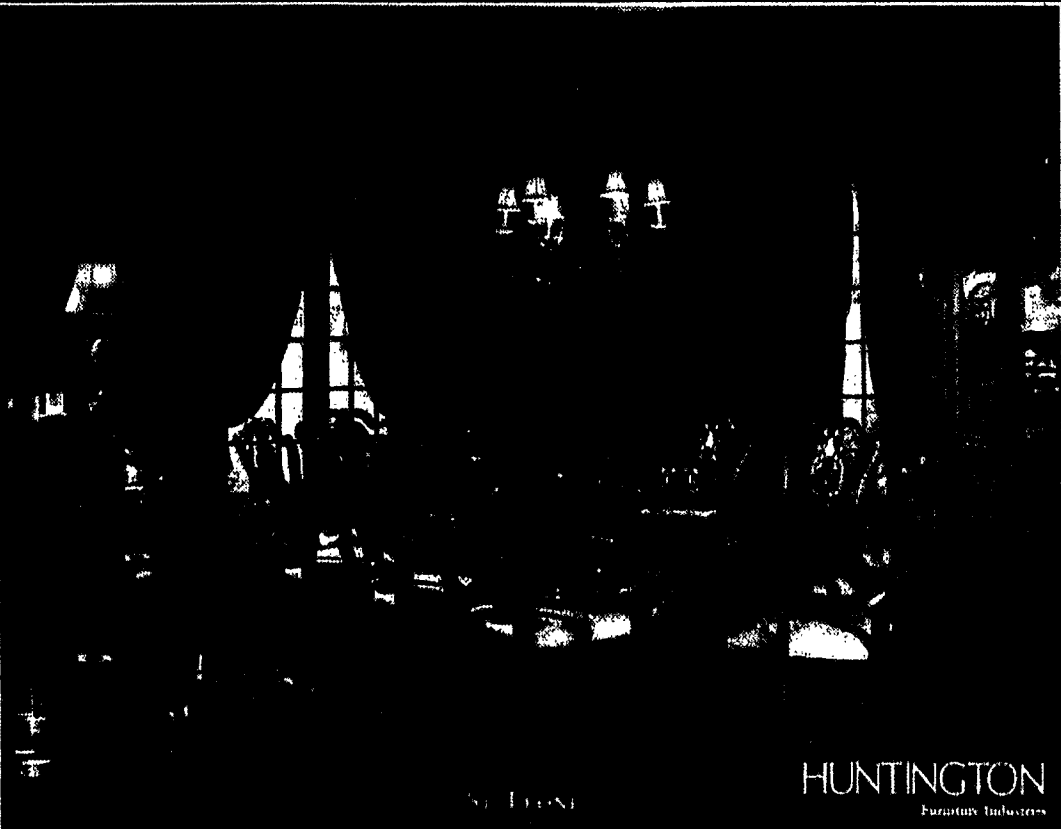
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### The ARTS hosts Pot Luck dinner Wednesday

The Arts, Hancock County will hold its December meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 pm. at 134 Blaize, next to Bay City Grill, in Bay St. Louis. There will be a short

meeting. The emphasis, however, will be on food, music and fellowship. To celebrate the season, everyone is asked to bring a food or drink item for a festive pot luck supper.

You don't have to be a member, just a local artist. For more information, contact Gwen Impson at 228-263-6530 or Angela Sallis at 228-216-7725.





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## Annexation -- Bay wins?

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for both of the legal teams that presented their case, and I wish Bay St. Louis the best of luck."

"I think the timing is terrible for both cities, quite frankly," Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo said Friday. "Of course, everything -- everything -- post-Katrina has changed. The funding, the resources, it's all changed."

"There are much, much more important issues on the table right now. There are projects that are much more important now than the annexation."

Longo said he would discuss the matter with the board of aldermen to determine how the city would proceed.

The city of Bay St. Louis had argued that the Hwy. 603 corridor -- which is the area from Hwy. 603 north to Interstate 10 and east to the Jordan River -- is the only viable area for growth that the city has. Bay St. Louis pointed to its millage rate of 17.75 mills being considerably

lower than that of Waveland, and Bay St. Louis claimed that there is little room for commercial development along Hwy. 90. The Bay St. Louis plan also called for an increase in the city's organization of activities, such as fire and police personnel, public works, health and welfare, parks and beautification and water and sewer. The city of Waveland claimed 83 percent of its city has been developed, leaving only 17 percent for future development. Waveland claimed an outstanding general obligation bond existed, and presented a five-year plan to provide vital services to the annexed area, similar to the services that Bay St. Louis has proposed.

In the decision, the court points to the fact that Bay St. Louis has only one avenue for expansion, as well as other factors. "The area north of Hwy. 603 to Interstate 10, is the only path of growth available to the

City of Bay St. Louis," according to the judge's ruling. "While the city of Waveland does not seek to annex the bulk of that area, the Hwy. 603 corridor is critical to the development."

The decision pointed to the fact that Waveland has lands west and south-west for future expansion, if city officials choose to do so.

"We have so many projects on the table right now that it may be several years before we think about expansion," Butterworth said. "The city has lost so many homes south of the tracks, that we now have huge areas inside the city limits for us to develop."

The ruling found the area would benefit from services that either city will bring.

"The city services should impact the area to give an economic value to the inhabitants over the time of the projected plans of implementation through maintaining property values and insurance reduction."

The ruling also addressed the concerns of citizens of the area who did not want the annexation.

"While the residents of Riverview and Garden Isles made a compelling case of their satisfaction with their current state of not being a city, the Court finds they, too, need the direct city services to be afforded through the annexation in keeping with the criteria as to health and safety, and to protect property values which encompass the entire area."

With the ruling being awarded to Bay St. Louis, city officials must

now decide how to handle annexation along with Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts.

"The most important fact about this is that we have a ruling now," said Mayor Eddie Favre. "We will discuss this at length with the city council at the Dec. 20 meeting. This is going to be a tremendous challenge, more so now than before, but we are very pleased with the ruling."

The economic impact of the ruling may be helpful to the city, as Favre believes that the Hwy. 603 corridor will provide much commercial development.

"We anticipate commercial development and future growth, but right now we are still limited because of the storm," he said.

Favre said that the timing of the decision was not perfect, but the city will now have the chance to develop the area and reach out to the citizens.

"Naturally, with the devastation in the area, a lot of people have left. The proper codes will encourage development to be even better than before. Our ultimate goal is for everyone to come back home," Favre said.

## Loudoun -- family

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Loudoun Foundation's attention when José and Maria brought their children to the Bay St. Louis Tent School, which the foundation sponsored.

"José was such a hard worker and he and Maria were just such good parents," Loudoun Foundation President Tracy Parent said last week, "that a lot of people in our project became very attached to the family."

Parent said the groups helped José find full-time employment in Virginia, along with a place to live.

"I don't come down here

to try to relocate families," Parent said, "but these people came here from some place else. They don't have ties and connections here like someone who had lived here all their lives."

"I feel a lot better now, because we're all going to have a better life," Maria said last week through interpreter Elke Michalak, a teacher at the Bay-Waveland Alternative School.

The Loudoun Foundation and Loudoun Medical Group raised more than \$600,000 for hurricane relief in the area in November

with a black-tie fundraiser. In addition to the Tent School, the groups also fund and staff the free clinic at the Bay St. Louis Depot; and continue to collect funds and supplies to assist in Coast relief efforts. More information on the effort is available at [virginiacares.org](http://virginiacares.org).

"The Loudoun Foundation is committed to the community for the long term," Parent said. "We really want to see Bay St. Louis and Hancock County enter better times -- and we're not leaving, like everybody else."

## By the numbers: First 100 days

With an estimated 90,000 square miles impacted combined with 400,000 individuals displaced by Hurricane Katrina, the storm is the single largest natural disaster in FEMA's 26-year history.

44 states and the District of Columbia received Presidential emergency declarations following Hurricane Katrina. This total is the most declarations made for a single disaster in FEMA history.

132 Disaster Recovery Centers open in the Gulf Coast. DRCs are one-stop information centers where victims can learn more about different types of state and federal disaster assistance, including loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters and business owners.

The (800) 621-FEMA teleregistration and help line has been up and running for approximately 2,400 hours straight since Hurricane Katrina struck. Never have the registration and help line call centers operated for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for 100 days straight.

More than 14,000 federal personnel have been deployed to help state and local officials along the Gulf Coast recover from Hurricane Katrina.

More than 40,000 travel trailers and manufactured housing units are temporary homes for Hurricane Katrina victims, nearly triple the

number of units used following all of last year's Florida hurricanes and far outnumbering any housing mission in FEMA's history.

107,344 damaged roofs that have been temporarily covered by FEMA's Blue Roof program operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers so that families can remain in their homes as they rebuild. These are the most roofs covered following a single hurricane in the Blue Roof program's history.

FEMA has handled approximately 1.7 million registrations through [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) and (800) 621-FEMA for Hurricane Katrina alone. This more than doubles the number of registrations made following the historic 1994 Northridge Earthquake in California.

Since Hurricane Katrina, more than 53 million cubic yards of debris -- or five and a half football fields a mile high -- have been removed in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. FEMA reimbursed states at 100 percent for this expense for 60 days in Alabama and continue this 100 percent rate for Louisiana and Mississippi through Jan. 15.

FEMA has obligated nearly \$190 million in disaster unemployment assistance for eligible Hurricane Katrina victims from Alabama, Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi who signed up for this assistance dur-

ing the application period.

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## Obituaries



**CHRISTOPHER HARRIS**

**Senior Airman,** Christopher Lee Harris, 24, of Avondale, AZ died Sunday, December 4, 2005 in Avondale, AZ. Chris was born in Gulfport, MS on December 21, 1980 and lived in Bay St. Louis, MS. He was of the Baptist Faith and a member of First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis, MS. He graduated in 1999 from Bay High School and graduated from Jeff Davis Junior College in Biloxi, MS. He was a veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Roy

Harris, Sr.

Chris is survived by his Mother, Patricia Pernicaro Harris of Bay St. Louis, MS; Father, Lee Harris and step mother Shirley of Picayune, MS; Sister, Kelly Harris of Bay St. Louis, MS, step-sister, Leigh Ann Gill of Picayune, MS; stepbrother, Sidney Johnson of Picayune, MS; grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Joe V. Pernicaro, Jr. of Bay St. Louis, MS.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS with the Prayer Service at 1:00 pm. Interment will be in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Picayune, MS with Full Military Honors.

In Lieu of flowers, the family request donations to the American Cancer Society or the Alzheimer's Society.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

## Purchasing flood insurance now can help reduce financial woes

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Property owners who purchase flood insurance now can alleviate future financial losses incurred in the aftermath of storms like Hurricane Katrina. Many victims along the Mississippi coast and well inland were unaware that their homeowners insurance did not cover flood damage. As the #1 natural disaster in the United States, the effects of Katrina are a hard reminder that flooding occurs everyday in all regions of the nation, in disasters large and small.

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was created for this reason. Securing flood insurance is a prudent and affordable first step for any home or business owner and is also available to renters. Managed by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), flood insurance is designed to provide an alternative to disaster assistance and reduce the ever-rising costs of rebuilding.

Insuring property outside a floodplain can be relatively inexpensive compared to the massive cost of reconstruction. Premiums for maximum coverage (\$250,000 for homes and up to \$100,000 for contents) can cost less than \$1 a day. Small business structures are covered for up to \$500,000 and their contents for a maximum

of \$500,000. Most policies take only 30 days to take effect once purchased.

Anyone obtaining a federally backed loan for a home in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), including most mortgages and disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), must purchase flood insurance.

Nearly 20,000 communities across the United States (including 273 in Mississippi) participate in the program. Communities that adopt and enforce floodplain management ordinances to reduce future flood damage are eligible for federally backed flood insurance. Community participation in the program is voluntary and there are about 4.7 million policy holders nationwide.

Flood damage is reduced by nearly \$1 billion a year through communities implementing sound floodplain management. Costs for this year's record hurricane season are currently projected to exceed \$23 billion nationwide.

Congress established the NFIP in the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 as an alternative to taxpayer-funded disaster relief for flood victims.

For information on the National Flood Insurance Program, call 1-800-480-2520 or visit FEMA's Web site at [www.fema.gov/nfip](http://www.fema.gov/nfip).

## Hancock Medical hosts blood drive

### SEA COAST ECHO

Almost everything has changed on the Coast since August 29th. Normal is a word most of us are not using yet, and, three months later, many residents have not been able to return to their regular routines. But one thing never changes and that is the need for blood donors. As long as hospitals remain open, patients will require blood transfusions and depend on generous blood donors to save their lives. Donors across the Coast have called the Red Cross looking for the closest blood drive so that they can get back to their routine of giving blood and saving lives. Many say it gives them some sense of normalcy to see the Red Cross in their community collecting blood for the patients who need it. Residents in Mississippi are the most charitable in the country but many Coast residents may not be in the position to donate money or even volunteer their time right now because they are the victims of this overwhelming disaster. Giving blood gives them another way to help.

Hancock Medical Center will host the first blood drive held in Bay St. Louis or Waveland since Katrina on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The

blood drive will be held on the Red Cross bloodmobile in front of the hospital entrance at 149 Drinkwater Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. Donors will receive a free t-shirt and can enter a drawing for the "Escape for the Holidays" travel package. The package includes two free round-trip Delta Air Line tickets and a free seven-day Caribbean cruise for two on Holland America Cruise Lines. The winner will be drawn shortly after the close of the contest on January 15, 2006.

All blood types are needed, especially during the holiday season when blood supplies typically decline due to holiday activities and residents traveling out of town. Supplies of types O Negative and B Negative blood have already begun to drop to about a one-day supply following the long Thanksgiving weekend.

Since Katrina, drives scheduled in Hancock County at American Legion Post #77 in Waveland, Hancock Medical Services in Port Bienville, Bay High School and Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis, St. Stephens Catholic Church and DuPont in Pass Christian all had to be cancelled due to hurricane damage.

The Red Cross, Mississippi Gulf Coast territory, has had well

over 2,500 pints of blood, previously scheduled for collection, cancelled since August 29th due to the effects of the storm. To keep supplies at safe levels, blood donors in our neighboring states of Alabama and Florida and Coast schools and businesses without major damage have increased their participation in an effort to help keep Mississippi Gulf Coast hospitals supplied with the blood they need to treat their patients.

Students and staff at Hancock High School will also do their part to make sure that patients receive the lifesaving blood they need during the holidays.

The high school will sponsor their second drive since the hurricane on Thursday, December 15th from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the school located on Stennis Airport Road in Kiln. The Hancock High School Student Council and Frontline Leadership along with Advisor Coach Peyton Ragon will host the drive in the Commons Area. Donors will receive a commemorative Blood Tour t-shirt and can also enter the drawing for the cruise travel package. You can

give blood every 56 days and those donors who gave at Hancock High School in October are eligible again to donate on December 15th.

For more information about giving blood, sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive or volunteer opportunities with the Red Cross, please call the American Red Cross at 896-2217 or 1-800-GIVELIFE. To schedule an appointment to donate blood at Hancock Medical Center on December 14th, contact Courtney Thomas at the hospital at 467-8600.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Ladies Auxiliary VFW 3253 Bay St. Louis and VFW Post 10733 Orange Lake, FL, will have a Children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 11 beginning at 1 p.m. Santa will be there to greet the children and give out treats. Refreshments will be served. Also, The Family Y from Hattiesburg will provide entertainment, featuring Madam Mimi "Camel Camellia" Mickey & Minnie and the Tappets Dancers.

The VFW Post is located at 208 3rd St.

## Stay alert for carbon monoxide

As Mississippians continue to rebuild their lives from the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, they should stay alert for the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning when spending more time in their vehicles or using unfamiliar fuel-burning heaters, generators or appliances in and around their homes. Opening doors and windows or operating fans will not guarantee your safety from this silent but deadly killer.

The risk of carbon monoxide poisoning is particularly high during the cold weather season for Hurricane Katrina victims who are away from their homes and normal routines. Already, two deaths have occurred in Mississippi as a result of operating generators indoors.

"Often after a natural disaster, like Hurricane Katrina, when people have lost power, they will use alternate sources of energy to cook and heat with," said Nick Russo, federal coordinating officer for the Mississippi recovery. "We urge people to exercise caution and use good common sense around these types of appliances not only as we move into the colder months, but year-round."

Carbon monoxide poisoning from the use of fuel-burning appliances kills more than 200 people each year and sends about 10,000 to hospital emergency rooms for

treatment. Others die from carbon monoxide produced while burning charcoal inside a home, garage, vehicle or tent. Still others die from carbon monoxide produced by cars unintentionally left running in attached garages or gas-powered generators where the exhaust can accumulate in living spaces.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas produced by burning any fossil fuel. The initial symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to the flu and include dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea, and irregular breathing. High-level exposure to carbon monoxide can cause death.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recommends that consumers use gasoline-powered generators outdoors to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Furthermore, every living space should have at least one carbon monoxide detector that meets the requirements of the most recent Underwriters Laboratories Standard 2034 or the requirements of the International Approval Services 6-96 standard.

For more information on carbon monoxide and the safe use of generators, read this CPSC publication at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSC/PUB/PUBS/portgend.html>

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# Sports

## Hancock sweeps D'Iberville on hardwood; Rocks postpone debut

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Hancock Hawks swept the visiting D'Iberville Warriors in high school basketball action on Friday, December 9th.

The Lady Hawks (11-3) defeated the Lady Warriors 48-32 behind the play of Shondreka Lee. She came off the bench to lead the Lady Hawks with 12 points including 10 in the first half.

Mollie Nunez added eight points for the Lady Hawks while Vicky Denner paced the Lady Warriors with 9 points. Hancock led at halftime 19-10.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "Sometimes it was a little sloppy. Shondreka Lee sparked us off the bench. It is very interesting to see who steps up to play each night for us. Defensively, we were able to do a better job against D'Iberville tonight than we did in our first meeting this year. We have Gautier coming here on December 19th which gives us a lull in our schedule until then. Sometimes the lulls can hurt you but we plan to work on conditioning and cleaning up our game. It will be a very solid test for us as we enter the holidays."

In the finale, the Hawks (4-5) held off a strong surge by the Warriors, who were down by as much as 18 points in the second half, to win 46-45.

Hancock led 43-33 with 4:38 remaining in the game only to see D'Iberville go on a 12-3 run to end the game.

Drew Malley went to the line for Hancock after driving to the basket and sank one of two free throws to seal the game. Malley finished the game with 14 points to lead all scorers.

Noah Heitzmann added 10 points for the Hawks while the Warriors were led by Max Duke with 10 points.

Hancock head coach Michael Ladner stated, "We did not play well tonight after coming off perhaps our best performance against a talented Pascagoula team on Tuesday night. We were able to press early in the game and build a lead of 18 points. However, D'Iberville did a good job of being patient and cutting the lead and eventually tying the game. Our guys have not had a lot of experience playing ahead. But, we can learn from this experience and mature as we held on to win the game."

The Hawks played Oak Grove on Saturday

and both squads will be off until Monday, December 19th when they host Gautier in the final game before the Christmas holidays.

In other action on Friday night, the Long Beach Bearcats swept a pair of games from the Pass Christian Pirates. In the girls game, the Lady Bearcats defeated the Lady Pirates 63-50. Long Beach was led by two players who recorded a double-double. Merrin Mueller and Susan Griffioen scored 17 and 10 points, respectively. Mueller added 10 assists while Griffioen had 11 rebounds.

In soccer action, St. Stanislaus defeated Pass Christian 4-1 behind two goals by Cameron Bosely. Donnie Renz and Nick Bishop also scored for the Rocks who gained their first win in their last five tries.

Bay High defeated Long Beach 3-2 (3-0-1, 2-0). Marcello Desousa, Ricky Manieri and Colby Adam all scored for the Tigers.

In soccer action earlier in the week, the Rocks lost to Mercy Cross 3-0 while OLA (4-1, 2-0) defeated the Lady Crusaders 5-0. Mischa Tice scored twice while Madeline Drake, Caitlin Church and Amelia Simpson all scored once. The St. Stanislaus

Rock-a-chaws were slated to open their basketball season at the Father Peter Mochler

Gymnasium on Friday, December 9th against the Picayune Maroon Tide. However, the school is still experiencing problems related to the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina.

All three of the school's gymnasiums were damaged, as well as, their equipment. In addition the equipment problems, several players still have not returned to school which limits head coach Jay Ladner's roster depth.

The Rocks are now slated to open the season on Saturday, December 17th against St. John in the annual War on the Shore. The one-day tournament of basketball is usually held on the campus of SSC; however, the effects of Katrina has forced SSC to move the tournament to Gulfport High School's Bert Jenkins Gymnasium.

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## Bay defeats Vancleave & Long Beach in soccer

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The Bay High boys soccer team (3-0-1, 2-0) defeated Vancleave on Tuesday evening 7-2. Kyle Moran led all scorers with a hat trick. Marsh DeSousa added two goals and an assist in the game. Bryant Wilson and Ricky Manieri added the other two goals.

Manieri tallied four assists on the night while Bubba Dorn tallied one.

On Friday evening, the Tigers defeated the Bearcats of Long Beach 3-2. The Tigers got down early 1-0 but Colby Adam tied the game at 1-1 on an assist from DeSousa.

DeSousa scored unassisted in the second half

to give the Tigers a 2-1 lead. Later in the game the Bearcats knotted the game at 2-2; however, with less than a minute remaining Manieri scored the game winner to keep the Tigers undefeated. The Tigers will travel to Picayune on December 16th for a division contest with the Maroon Tide.

## Look for All Sea Coast Echo Football players of the year

The All Sea Coast Echo Football teams and offensive and defensive players of the year will be named in the Thursday, Dec. 15 edition of the Sea Coast Echo.

The players of the year were selected by area high school coaches and the Sea Coast Echo

Editorial Board.

Eligible players were students at Hancock High School, Bay High School and Pass Christian High School.

St. Stanislaus College was out of the running this year, since it did not field a team due to the damage caused by Hurricane Katrina.

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# Business

## Hancock Chamber



Echo staff photo by Cecelia Howe  
Donald Carson, Executive V.P. and General Manager, Gulf Coast Division of the GodwinGroup presented a check last week to Tish Williams, executive director of the Hancock County of Commerce. The donation will be used to create an enhanced web-based communication infrastructure. The system will improve communications and build business opportunities for Chamber members. The GodwinGroup is an advertising, marketing, public relations and research firm in Biloxi and a member of the MAGNET organization—an international organization of advertising firms. In the photo from left, Donald Carson, GodwinGroup; Tish Williams, Chamber Director and Kay Gough, Chamber volunteer.



Echo staff photo by Cecelia Howe  
Uptown Interiors and Gifts LLC recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting. Many were in attendance, including Lynn Chasz, Mayor Eddie Favre, owner Ginger Scharp, Inga Felder, owner Doris Felder, Davis Scharp and Jan Mitchell. The shop shares a building with Hairworks at 402 Dunbar Ave. in Bay St. Louis and offers furniture, home accessories, jewelry and fine gifts.

## Merritt joins PRCC staff

SEA COAST ECHO  
Paula Merritt has joined the Pearl River Community College Development Foundation staff as Coordinator of Alumni Services.

Merritt, a 1994 graduate of PRCC, will be in charge of organizing and coordinating PRCC alumni chapters in Pearl River, Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Jeff Davis and Hancock counties.

"I plan to be really active with all the chapters and meet with officers of the chapters," said Merritt. "One of my goals will be to establish a high level of enthusiasm and commitment from our alumni."

Another of her goals will be to increase awareness of the services provided by the Development Foundation and Alumni Association to current

students and alumni.

Merritt, a graduate of Poplarville High School, enjoyed her two years at PRCC. She was a member of the String of Pearls and the RiverRoad show-choir, a River Navigator, and class favorite her freshman year. She graduated from the Medical Office Technology program and currently attends William Carey College.

## Offering HOPE

In an effort to provide financial counseling and assistance to small and minority businesses affected by the hurricanes, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and Operation HOPE, Inc. have joined forces to launch Project Restore HOPE/Small Business, announced SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto.

Project Restore HOPE/Small Business, made possible through a co-sponsorship between

the SBA and Operation HOPE, offers small and minority businesses in disaster-affected communities access to free financial counseling, information on economic assistance programs, and budgeting advice through one-on-one telephone counseling. To access this resource, business owners should call 1-888-388-HOPE (4673) and select the Project Restore HOPE/Small Business option.

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# Bringing Christmas to the Coast at Buccaneer State Park

## SEA COAST ECHO

In an effort to bring the story of Christmas to the Mississippi Gulf Coast and the survivors of Hurricane Katrina, Broadmoor Baptist Church in Madison, Miss. is partnering with three Gulf Coast churches to put on "Christmas on the Coast," a musical presentation about the holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

About 175 singers, instrumentalists, technical and loading personnel, parking facilitators, food crew members and other Broadmoor volunteers will travel Saturday, Dec. 10, to Buccaneer State Park in Lakeshore, Miss. Buccaneer has become the temporary home for thousands of displaced residents from the hardest hit region of the Mississippi Gulf Coast (Lakeshore, Waveland and Bay St. Louis areas). Broadmoor will sing under a large tent recently erected among FEMA trailers and camping tents. Most of the area churches were completely destroyed. The

church members now meet in tents throughout the park. Lakeshore Baptist Church is the main church in the area. It is led by pastor Don Elbourne. The program is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. with a block party beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Broadmoor will join Michael Memorial Baptist Church in Gulfport on Saturday night at 6 p.m. for worship. Michael is one of the few churches in the area with a fully functional worship center. Churches of all denominations have been invited to come together as a congregation at this presentation. The block party is scheduled for 4 p.m. This will be the first time since Katrina that these participating churches have had the opportunity to worship together. Broadmoor will join members of Michael Memorial Sunday morning, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. for a special presentation at Michael. Lisa Whipps is the musical director at Michael.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 11, at 5:30 p.m. the trip will climax with a presentation for the community of Biloxi. Broadmoor has partnered with Bay Vista Baptist Church in Biloxi, a church that has been instrumental in the aftermath of Katrina. The Biloxi School Board has graciously allowed Broadmoor to present a night of joy through our musical presentation in their auditorium.

Pastor Kevin Clinton and music minister Jay Ruston lead Bay Vista.

Broadmoor's goal in partnership with these churches has been to join with Mississippi churches that have invested themselves in the relief efforts of their surrounding communities despite the destruction of their own facilities and personal displacement of their staff members and worshippers.

Each presentation will be preceded by a block party with inflatable rides, pony rides, game trailers, popcorn and a live steel drum band. The

hope is to temporarily ease the impact of the life-changing loss experienced by the Gulf Coast residents. School officials in the Gulf Coast area say there is an urgent need for socialization and recreation for students of all ages and this give them an opportunity to do that. It will be several months before movie theaters, shopping malls and parks are back to normal.

Broadmoor's goal is to give a \$25 Wal-Mart gift card to many of those on the coast. Broadmoor anticipates 3,000-4,000 in attendance for the presentations.

The church also has created a special ornament reading "HOPE - Christmas 2005" along with a graphic of a cross behind a manger to be handed out at the presentations.

For more information about Taking Christmas to the Coast call Broadmoor Baptist Church office in Madison at 601.898.2345.

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# Corps FEMA-assigned debris mission reaches 50% milestone

## Clearing the Way for Restoration (50% Complete)

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The FEMA debris mission assigned to the Army Corps of Engineers in Mississippi is currently 23 million cubic yards.

This equates to 230 football fields piled 50 feet high. At current debris removal rates (using 100,000 cubic yards per day), the debris would fill a football field every day 50 feet high. To date, about 11.5 million cubic yards have been hauled (115 football fields), or about 50% of mission estimates.

The Corps has completed debris removal operations from the public right of way in the following cities:

City of Union, Newton County, MS  
City of Pachuta, Clarke County, MS  
City of Stonewall, Clarke County, MS  
City of Hickory, Newton County, MS.

The Corps schedule since landfall has called for completion of debris removal in about 8 months and final processing in about 18 months. Debris teams have reached the half way point in a little over three months. Our mission is now moving into

debris removal on private property in the cities and counties that have requested that service.

## Rebuilding Local Government (70% Complete)

In just a few short months, the Corps has helped FEMA restore critical local Government services in 6 counties, through the use of temporary modular buildings. These structures include fire and police stations, government services, ports, state offices, and legal facilities. Over 160 structures have been turned over to the local communities and installation of an additional 44 buildings is underway, which is over 70% of the current mission.

## Rebuilding Local Education (66% Complete)

The Mississippi Department of Education, working with FEMA and the Corps, has focused on the immediate need to return school systems to operation.

The most encouraging sign of communities returning to normalcy can be seen as children return to school.

Twenty five communities have requested installation of some 400 temporary school buildings, and the Corps has responded to their needs within a short time. Classes have resumed with 320 classrooms turned over to communities and installation of 75 additional classrooms underway, bringing completion of the mission to

about 66%.

Community excitement is obvious when students return to the classrooms.

The Mississippi Department of Education is working with FEMA and the Corps to set priorities for bringing school systems back on line based on available resources.

## Getting Victims Back in Their Homes (99% Complete)

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Helping FEMA Provide Temporary Housing (JIC information) (Temporary housing is being handled using a national/regional approach through the FEMA Housing Group. USACE is providing technical and on-the-ground assistance to this mission as requested from FEMA.

Mississippi Recovery Team Update (The Mississippi Recovery Field Office represents

the eastern arm of Task Force Hope, a Team of Teams comprised of responders from different nations, different states, different agencies, and public officials and contractors to support FEMA in protecting life and restoring systems and infrastructure in Louisiana and Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina.

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES,**  
**BY ZADIE ROGERS, SOCIAL SERVICES REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND PATRICK NIPPER, MINOR, BY AND THROUGH HIS NEXT FRIEND, ZADIE ROGERS PETITIONERS**  
**VS.**  
**DODI NIPPER, SAL HARMON AND ANY UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER**  
**RESPONDENTS**  
**CIVIL ACTION, FILE NO. C2301-05-686(2)**  
**CHANCERY COURT SUMMONS**

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**TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on the 22nd day of June, 2004, Elton Nelton and wife, Clara S. Nelton, executed a Deed of Trust to Charlene Roberts, Trustee for the benefit of Stuart Company, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Trust Deed Book 841, Pages 287-289, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and Stuart Company, a Mississippi Corporation, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned Trustee so to do, I will on the 12th day of December, 2005, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours, between 11:00 a.m. o'clock and 4:00 p.m. o'clock, at the Front Door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described property lying and being situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 11, DEER PARK SUBDIVISION, PHASE III, as per map or plat on file in the Hancock County, Chancery Clerks Office. The property is subject to a 15 foot utility easement along the Southeastern margin of the property as shown on the plat. The property is also subject to a 20' x 50' drainage easement as shown on the plat.

ALSO CONVEYING: LOT 12, DEER PARK SUBDIVISION, PHASE III, as per map or plat on file in the Hancock County, Chancery Clerks Office. The property is subject to a 15 foot utility easement along the Southeastern margin of the property, and a 10 foot drainage easement along the Eastern margin of the property as shown on the plat.

I will convey only such title as vested in me as Trustee. WITNESS my signature, upon this, the 17th day of November, 2005, A.D.  
 CHARLENE ROBERTS,  
 Trustee  
 11/20; 11/27; 12/04;  
 12/11/2005

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HANCOCK**  
**TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE**

WHEREAS, on the 15th day of March, 2005, Jimmie Jordan and Thomas A. Jordan, executed a Deed of Trust to Charlene Roberts, Trustee for the benefit of Stuart Company, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Land Trust Deed Book 886, Pages 54-56, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust and Stuart Company, a Mississippi Corporation, the holder of the Note and Deed of Trust having requested the undersigned Trustee so to do, I will on the 12th day of December, 2005, offer for sale at public outcry and sell during the legal hours, between 11:00 a.m. o'clock and 4:00 p.m. o'clock, at the

Front Door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described property lying and being situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 20, DEER PARK SUBDIVISION, PHASE II, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat on file in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi. I will convey only such title as vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, upon this, the 17th day of November, 2005, A.D.  
 CHARLENE ROBERTS,  
 Trustee  
 11/20; 11/27; 12/04;  
 12/11/2005

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**WILDER MCGOWAN and SHARON MCGOWAN**  
**CO-ADMINISTRATORS OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID MCGOWAN, DECEASED**  
**PLAINTIFFS**  
**VERSUS**  
**THE HEIRS AT LAW OF DAVID MCGOWAN, DECEASED**  
**DEFENDANTS**  
**NO. C2301-05-774(3)**  
**RULE 81 SUMMONS**

(Summons By Publication)  
 THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI: TO: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF DAVID MCGOWAN, DECEASED, address unknown

You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by Plaintiffs seeking a court judgment determining heirs. There are Defendants other than you in this action.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said Complaint To Determine Heirship at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 11th day of January, 2006, before the Chancery Courtroom of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Complaint. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 15th day of November, 2005. (SEAL)

Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi  
 BY: Charlene Seal  
 DEPUTY CLERK  
 11/27; 12/04; 12/11/2005

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**THE ESTATE OF DARIS BARNHART**  
**CAUSE NO. C2301-05-577(3)**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

NOTICE is hereby given that Letters of Administration were granted on July 18, 2005, by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, in Cause No. C2301-05-577(3) appointing the undersigned Russell Barnhart as Administrator of the Estate of Daris Barnhart, Deceased, and all persons having claim against the Estate are hereby notified to present same to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and registered within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. Failure to probate and register their claims with the Clerk within that time will forever bar the claim.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE this the 16 day of August, 2005.  
 RUSSELL BARNHART  
 Administrator of the Estate of Daris Barnhart, Deceased  
 OF COUNSEL:  
 Melissa A. Nunley  
 Robert O. Homes, Esq. (MS Bar 2597)  
 Melissa A. Nunley (MS Bar 101506)  
 Robert O. Homes & Associates  
 1811 22nd Avenue  
 Gulfport, MS 39502  
 (228) 863-8888  
 11/27; 12/04; 12/11/2005

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SANDRA SMITH**  
**PLAINTIFF**  
**VERSUS**

**VICTOR EUGENE SMITH**  
**DEFENDANT**  
**NO. C2301-05-792(2)**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI TO: VICTOR EUGENE SMITH NOTICE TO DEFENDANT THE COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THIS SUMMONS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU AND YOU MUST TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Sandra Smith, Plaintiff, seeking a Divorce. You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to Todd N. Thrifflay, Attorney for Plaintiff(s), whose post office address is Post Office Box 295, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520.

YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 27 DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2005, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 22 day of November, 2005. (SEAL)

DATED: 11/22/05  
 CHANCERY COURT CLERK  
 Timothy A. Kellar  
 By: D.L. Lee  
 DEPUTY CHANCERY COURT CLERK  
 11/27; 12/04; 12/11/2005

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH MARTIN KING, DECEASED**  
**vs.**  
**ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS OF FILED JOSEPH MARTIN KING**  
**Cause No. C2301-05-638**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 30th day of November, 2005, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of JOSEPH MARTIN KING, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law, and within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they shall be forever barred, by law.

This the 1st day of December, 2005.

TOMMY SHANE KING,  
 ADMINISTRATOR  
 J. Bryan Vonder Bruegge  
 ATTORNEY AT LAW  
 Mississippi Bar No. 100470  
 1117 Washington Avenue  
 Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564  
 Telephone (228) 872-9022  
 Facsimile (228) 872-9822  
 Post Office Box 1255  
 Long Beach, Mississippi 39560  
 Telephone (228) 864-7443  
 Facsimile (228) 864-7479  
 12/11; 12/18; 12/25/05;  
 01/01/06

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., January 3, 2006, for furnishing to Hancock County the following supplies and services for the period beginning at the date of acceptance of said bids until December 31, 2006, or until a new bid/contract is accepted as follows to-wit:

1. Gasoline - regular and premium (specify with certificate attached amount of octane in each), lubricating oil, Number Two (No. 2) diesel fuel, greases, to be delivered as and when needed to county owned vehicles at points designated by the Board (prospective bidders are cautioned to bid a stable price for the period on this merchandise, or an alternate may be made quoting tank wagon prices at time of delivery with given discount) and/or for providing Fuel

Access Cards Management System.

2. Liquid Propane - for furnishing, as ordered by the County Wholesale LP Gas and vehicle conversion installations as set out in "Proposal for Furnishing the County Wholesale LP Gas and Vehicle Conversion Installations" on file in the Office of the Board of Supervisors, Hancock County Courthouse Complex, Unit #3, 3068 Longfellow Dr., P.O. Box 429, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

3. Newspaper - bids for publishing proceedings of the Board of Supervisors and all legal notices for the county for the year of 2006 as required by law.

4. Banks - bids for the privilege of keeping the County Funds Collected by the Tax Assessor/Collector, and other public Funds of Hancock County for the year 2006 (with no service charges.)

5. Exterminator Services - (Licensed) for providing exterminator services for the Hancock Co. Courthouse Complex located at 3068 Longfellow Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS; Sheriff's Dept. and portable jail building located at 17351 Hwy. 603, Kiln, MS; Youth Court building located at 126 Court St., Bay St. Louis, MS; County Road Maintenance building; Superintendent of Education Building; Kiln Tax Office Annex building; and Justice Court building located at 17343 Hwy. 603, Kiln, MS; Equine & Livestock Facility building (concession stand and offices) for the period beginning at the date of said bid until December 31, 2006 or until a new bid is accepted.

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from the office of the Board of Supervisors, County Courthouse Complex, 3068 Longfellow Dr., Bay St. Louis, MS, or by calling (228) 467-0172.

All envelopes MUST be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's Office before 11:00 a.m. on the day of bid opening.

All envelopes MUST be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED", state which item bid on and the opening date of said bid.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, MS, this the 5th day of December, 2005. (SEAL)

Timothy A. Kellar  
 Clerk, Board of Supervisors  
 Hancock County, MS  
 By: Terry E. Guenard, D.C.  
 12/11; 12/18/05

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOREEN J. HELMS, DECEASED**  
**No. C2301-05-742(3)**

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary on the Estate of Doreen J. Helms, Deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi on the 3rd day of November, 2005, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim. This the 23 day November, 2005.

Darwin M. Helms, Executor  
 12/11; 12/18; 12/25/05

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BILLIE STEWART CAIMI, a/k/a BILLIE S. CAIMI, a/k/a ANN B. CAIMI, a/k/a BILLIE ANN CAIMI, DECEASED**  
**VS.**  
**SUE C. JOHNSTON, PETITIONER**  
**CAUSE NO. C2301-05-760(1)**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION upon the Estate of BILLIE STEWART CAIMI having been granted unto SUE C. JOHNSTON on the 22nd day of November, 2005, by the Chancery Court for Hancock County, Mississippi, Notice is hereby given requiring all persons having claims against the

Estate of Billie Stewart Caimi, to have same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court for the First Judicial District of Harrison County, Mississippi, within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof, and failure to probate and register such claims against the Estate of Billie Stewart Caimi within ninety (90) days, will bar any claim.

SUE C. JOHNSTON,  
 Administratrix  
 of the Estate of Billie Stewart Caimi  
 JIM DAVIS  
 MSB No. 5830  
 1904 24th Ave.  
 Gulfport, MS 39501  
 Phone: (228) 864-1588  
 Fax: (228) 863-5008  
 12/11; 12/18; 12/25/05;  
 01/01/06

**IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE OSTEEN TRIM, DECEASED**  
**CAUSE NO.: C2301-05-722(3)**  
**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK Letters testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of August, 2005, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of George Osteen Trim, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 5 day of December, A. D., 2005.

S/ GEORGE LARRY TRIM  
 12/11; 12/18; 12/25/05

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that on January 2, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at Malley's Store All, 1079 Tina Ladner Vic-Faye Rd., Pass Christian, MS 39571, all the property in the following units will be sold to satisfy storage lien in accordance with the Mississippi Lien Law. Unit 9 Thanya O'Brien Unit 60 Tanya Beech David D. Malley, Owner 12/06/2005 12/08; 12/11/2005

## Bay St. Louis Council meeting changed

The Bay St. Louis City Council will resume its regular meeting schedule, beginning Tuesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m. The Council will then meet on the first Tuesday following the first Monday of each month and every other Tuesday thereafter. The meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1928 Depot Way. All interested parties are invited to attend.





**PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:** All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination, call HUD toll free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

**3 PIECE KING DBL** pillow top mattress set. Never opened, sell \$225.00. Can deliver. 228-234-0999.

**A NEW FULL SIZE** mattress set, never opened, \$130.00. Can deliver. 228-234-0999. 12/31

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**BY OWNER:** 2BR/3BA, large kitchen, new vinyl siding and roof, raised, waterfront, gutted, \$80,000 or best offer, Bay St. Louis. 504-436-4296. 12/11

**HR/BENEFITS COORDINATOR** for established Bay St. Louis company. Proficient

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**4 LOTS IN B.S.L.** with house that can be repaired. Call 601-270-9052 or see at www.southernjewelry.com

**100% OWNER-FINANCING.** Will also finance water connection and septic system fees. White Cypress Lakes. Beautiful lots from 1 acre to 30 acres, waterfront available, mobile homes allowed in certain areas and great fishing. Ten miles east of I-59, Carriere exit. Thirty miles from Bay St. Louis. 228-255-1790. 12/29

**AVERY CONSTRUCTION:** We do it all! Local and dependable. 228-539-3197 or willaveryconstruction@yahoo.com

**SWISS SKIN CARE COMPANY.** Unlimited income, potential Mercedes Benz for job well done. Call for appointment 228-239-3164. 12/18

**MECHANIC NEEDED,** must be experienced. Call Mike Pernicaro 228-467-7005. 12/25

**DUMP TRUCK AND TRACTOR SERVICE.** All types of dirt, grading, leveling, limestone. Driveways build and repaired. 228-216-5566 or 228-216-5567. TFN

**EXPERIENCED VINYL SIDING** applicators needed. 228-342-8363. 12/11

**TO HURRICANE KATRINA** Victims from Pernicaro Tree Service, we're here to help, as we have been for more than 13 years. Cutting and pruning trees, clearing property, hauling debris, etc. Free estimates, fully insured, licensed. Immediate response to any emergency. 228-323-4701,

228-323-4696. 12/28

**SERVICES OFFERED:** Local resident for framing, remodeling, deck and porches, additions, sheetrock work. Very reasonable prices. Call 228-342-1350. 12/15

**NEW 2/BEDROOM** (12x13 & 12x15), in county, w/d hook-ups, central a/h. Range, dishwasher, water, sewage, garbage included. \$800/mo., \$800/dep. 222-0561. TFN

**POTABLE SAW MILL,** will saw on site. Available Dec. 19. For quote call 828-421-6907 or 228-255-7222.

**10 TOYOTA PICK UPS,** all kinds, 4x4's, 01 Tacoma, 4dr, V-6, auto, 38k miles, \$269 a month, Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133. 12/15

**HELP WANTED:** House Painters needed. Must have experience, must have own transportation. Please call after 12:00p.m. 228-493-2808. 12/15

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** 1013 Breeden Place off 3rd St., BSL. As is or will complete. Call Carl Heitzmann. 228-467-4594. TFN

**SERVICES OFFERED:** Hancock resident for hire. Tree cutting, debris removal, house gutting, pressure washing, personal items recovery, reasonable prices. Please call Mike McColley 228-263-0467.

**BLAIZE ELECTRIC:** Local business, 25 years experience, licensed and bonded, 228-467-0609. 12/31

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**WAVELAND 1400 sq.ft.** shell on slab, large back yard in established area, \$95,000.

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**WATERFRONT LAND:** Location is everything! 50x190 ft. lot abuts Riverview for \$30,000.

**WATERFRONT LOT** with 200 feet of frontage, a bargain at \$89,900.

**WOODED LOTS,** off Harbor Dr.; 2 large lots together for only \$12,000. Coast and County Real Estate, Patricia M. Robinson; Realtor, 228-467-9111 office, 228-363-1956 cell. 12/17

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**LIVE IN POSITION AVAILABLE** with senior citizen w/involved family. Salary & lodging for the right candidate. References and transportation required. Call (228) 216-5750 or 216-2628. 12/17

**HELP WANTED:** Reliable, sober helper to do home improvements. Transportation and phone required. Pay commensurate with experience. Call David 342-0783. 12/17

**HELP WANTED** experienced drywall finisher needed. Must have own transportation and tools. Call 228-731-0215. 12/17

**LOT WANTED:** Waveland native seeks beach front lot. 228-263-3828. 12/17

**SECURITY GUARD WANTED** for Industrial Facility. Must be willing to work nights, weekends and holi-

days. Prior security experience a plus. Apply in person at Wellman 3303 Port & Harbor Dr., BSL. Ask for Cynthia. Sign on bonus after 30 days employment. 12/08

**BABY SITTER NEEDED** for 2 year old. Call 228-216-2695. 12/17

**FULL TIME SECRETARIAL** position for Insurance Company in Kiln. Fax resume to (228) 255-1326 or mail to Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 175, Kiln, MS 39556. 12/21

**BY OWNER:** 302 9th St., 100'x144', cleared and filled, excellent location near medical, schools and shopping, \$38,000. firm. Call 467-2996. 12/24

**WILL PICK UP** your flooded vehicle at no cost. Call 228-305-0711. 01/04

**APARTMENT FOR RENT,** B.S.L., 1 bedroom, newly remodeled, \$525/mo. Range, refg., a/c. 228-216-6484. 12/15

**HELP WANTED:** Experience sales person to work MS and LA territory for Storm Fencing. Need construction workers. Must have own transportation. Call 228-466-5768, 1-800-673-3006. S-12/31

**FOUND: BLACK & BROWN** female Chihuahua on Dunbar & Oaks, wearing collar. 228-493-0550. 12/21

**2000 LINCOLN TOWN CAR** executive series, leather, mint condition, 46K, never flooded, \$13K, 466-4945. 12/21

**LOTS FOR SALE:** 1/2 acre with well and septic, 3/4 acre with culvert and driveway. 228-304-1555. 12/17

**HOME FOR SALE:** 3Br/2Ba, brick, on 1-2/3 acre. Interior gutted, bleached and cleaned. Ceramic tile throughout, better build windows. Asking \$49,000. 228-304-1555. 12/15

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**AREA 03**  
212 Main St.  
Southern Title Building on Main St. Bay St. Louis. Great for business or multi-family. Plenty of parking. MLS173458.

**226 Hensley Pl**  
Beautiful house on nice street. Walk to beach! House completely gutted with new roof. Tall ceilings, whirlpool tub & separate shower in master bath. Call Jim 216-5430 MLS173424.

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Bay St. Louis! 418 Washington! Ready to move in 3 BR 2 BA approx 1750 sq ft total renovation before storm, NO FLOOD, NO DAMAGE! \$169,000 call Bea 864-7028 MLS173223.

**110 S. Beach**  
Overlooking Bay downtown Bay St. Louis! Commercial "Chesey's" building. Heavy damage but some salvage. Adjoins public parking. Priced to sell! Harris 493-4111 \$565,000 MLS172658

**312 Union**  
Old Town BSL! No water and damage repaired. On historical register and restored to perfection! Heart pine floor, French doors & two New Orleans style patios. 3 bedrooms! \$259,000 call Helene for appointment 467-4275. MLS173277.

**AREA 04**  
10141 Ave D  
Totally restored w/ new cabinets, sheetrock and new appliances, tile & carpet. Two lots w/ damaged guest house. Sailboat goes with property. Lovely view of water from back porch swing. Call Fran MLS173422.

**AREA 05**  
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DeLisle Plant

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December 13 - 15  
**Days**  
Tuesday - Thursday  
**Times**  
8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

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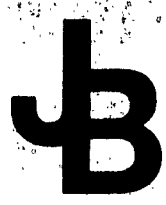
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# Reaching for the stars



*In celebration of the Month of Miracles ... BIG wishes were made last week by our little stars from Second Street Elementary, North Bay Elementary, Waveland Elementary and Bay Catholic Elementary. Each student created his or her own "star," with a special wish for the community. The students created 770 stars in all.*



## 250 volunteers needed for playground reconstruction

The playground at the Old City Hall in Bay St. Louis, damaged by Hurricane Katrina, will be reconstructed on Saturday, December 17. To undertake the rebuilding of this playground, used by Bay St. Louis area children, there is a request for 250 people to provide volunteer labor. The playground is located behind the Old City Hall, 301 North 2nd Street, in Bay St. Louis. People can park at the Depot and walk over to the playground.

The non-profit organization, KaBOOM!, has

donated the playground equipment and organized this playground rebuilding event.

People can sign up at the site at 8 AM and breakfast will be served. The volunteer workers will be needed until 3:00 PM and please wear comfortable clothing. Snacks will be served. Children are welcome, and there will be activities for them throughout the day.

A ribbon cutting for the rebuilt playground will be held at 2:30 PM.

Other ways for people to get involved include:

1. Bring general building tools such as shovels, rock rakes, cement hoes, post hole diggers, drills and wheels barrows.

2. Bring baked goods to serve throughout the day as snacks.

3. We need people to help set up and organize the food for the 250 volunteers.

To sign up or for more information you can call Jo Gilmore at 228-493-1034 or Nell Frisbie at 228-493-2024 or the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 228-467-9048.

